(b) if so, the details of the rates of excise duty levied on each of the above petroleum products in 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003; and

(c) the production of each of the above petroleum products during the above period alongwith the actual annual average price assessed on the basis of which excise duty was determined?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of the effective rates of basic excise duty (BED) special excise duty (SED), additional duty of excise (AED) i.e. road cess, and special additional duty of excise (SAED) i.e. surcharge, in respect of petrol, diesel, kerosene and LPG etc. for the years 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03 are as under:

Wells Drilling During 2002-2003

*134. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of wells drilled by ONGC/Private Companies/Joint Ventures during the year 2002-2003; and

(b) the details of crude oil/gas found in each case?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) and (b) Of the 150 exploratory well drilled during 2002-03 by Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC), 46 wells are oil and gas bearing and 20 wells are gas bearing, whereas, of the 190 development wells drilled by them 167 wells are oil and gas bearing and 7 wells are gas bearing.

As regards the Private/Joint Venture (Pvt./JV) Companies, of the 30 exploratory wells drilled, 6 are oil and gas bearing wells and 12 are gas bearing wells; and out of the 4 development wells drilled, 3 are gas wells, while one well could not be successfully completed.

During the year 2002-03, ONGC has accreted 40.72 million metric tonnes (MMT) of oil and oil equivalent of gas (O+OEG) of ultimate reserves in the areas under its operation; whereas, the ultimate reserve

accreted by Pvt//JV companies during the above period was 109 MMT of O+OEG.

Outstanding foreign debt

*135. SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantum of India's foreign debt outstanding on 31st March, 2003 both in absolute terms and in percentage of GDP;

(b) whether it has increased or decreased in absolute terms over the last three years; and

(c) What was the external debt at this ratio in the last three fiscal years?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) As per latest information available, total external debt of the country, as at end-December, 2002 was US$ 105.0 billion constituting 20.6 per cent of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

(b) and (c) The details of external debt of the country and external debt to GDP ratio for the last three years are as follows:

Year	Total External Debt (US$ million)	External Debt to GDP ratio
2000-01	101,132	22.4
2001-02	98,761	21.0
2002-03*	104,987	20.6

*: April—December, 2002

Financial Assistance to Orissa

*136. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRi B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Japan Government has promised to extend financial assistance for Renagali Irrigation Project in Orissa, if so, the details thereof;